

# BLACK HAND BOMB PLACED MANY IN PERIL

Attempt to Destroy Down-town Tenement Follows  
Harlem Murder.

## BOTH CRIMES OF GANG

Petrosini's Men Making Every  
Effort to Run Down Guilty  
with Little Clue.

Joseph Petrosini, head of the Italian staff of detectives, and all the men under him are continuing their efforts to get the members of the Black Hand society who tried to blow up the big double-deck tenement-house at No. 144-166 Elizabeth street, because money was refused them, and who murdered Tommaso Ciancrinino, a prosperous Harlem contractor, by shooting him to death.

There is no doubt in the opinion of Petrosini that the Black Hand men committed both crimes. In the Elizabeth street outrage the criminals sought the lives of Michael Angelo Alonso, his wife and children—Catharine, ten; Annie, seven; Rosie, five, and the baby, Angelica. The lives of hundreds of persons in the big tenement-house were endangered and the entire neighborhood was shaken as though by an earthquake.

Alone is a grocery keeper and his countrymen call him prosperous. He and his family occupy quarters on the first floor of the tenement-back of the grocery. The Black Hand began its threats to him on Dec. 8, when he received a letter demanding \$500 under pain of death to him and his wife and children. The letter was marked with a crude drawing of a coffin pierced with a dagger. Then there was a demand of a knife for each member of the family.

Alone has worked hard for his money. He is a hater of the murderous Black Hand men, and he refused to give up his money. Then there came other letters, all threatening murder. The last letter was received on Jan. 9, and read:

### Told to Deliver the Money.

"Get on a subway train and ride to Fort George. Come at 5 o'clock in the morning and come alone. I will ask you for a match, and then give me the money. Look out for it if you don't come with the money we will blow up the house. We will kill you. Don't go to the station house."

Policeman George Kinston, of the Mulberry Street Station, was on post at Broome and Elizabeth streets at 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning when he saw a cluster of sparks such as is given off from a furnace in front of No. 166. Policeman George E. Brinkman was trying the doors up the street when he heard Kinston's alarm. Both men took off on the run to check what they believed was an incipient fire. They had approached within fifty feet of the illumination when a deafening explosion threw them into the gutter. As they lay half stunned they heard the crashing of falling glass up and down the block. Instantly, the tenements were filled with the frightened cries of the inmates. Many of those in the double-decker were thrown from their beds by the shock. Women and men lightly clad rushed into the street, where the cold was piercing.

### Led the Way with Pistol.

Alone had seized two of his children almost before the building had ceased to tremble. His wife took the baby and little Rosie, and with Alone, holding a pistol as he led the way, the family reached the crowd in front of the building.

Ciancrinino lived at No. 135 East One Hundred and Sixth street with his family. He was shot down at One Hundred and Seventh street on Saturday afternoon, though crowds saw him murdered his assassin escaped.

# MAN BURNED TO DEATH IN HIS BLAZING HOME

Firemen Save Mother and  
Babes—Couldn't  
Reach Father.

Thrilling rescues and one death marked a fire in Jersey City early today. Anton Tichl was found dead in the hallway of his home after the firemen had made valiant but futile efforts to save him.

The fire started on the second floor of a new two-story house at No. 21 White street. Tichl, his wife and three children lived there. When the firemen arrived the tenants of the adjoining buildings were in panic, running out into the snow in scant attire. John Tichl, who lived with his wife and four children on the lower floor of the burning house, had rushed his flock to the street.

Flames and smoke drove the firemen from the hallway. They were bringing ladders to climb to the second-story windows when Mrs. Tichl appeared with her children. The firemen spread the life net and the frightened woman dropped the children in it.

Before leaping herself Mrs. Tichl tried to fight her way to her husband in a rear room, but could not. The firemen made a second effort to reach the second floor, but the hallway had become a blazing furnace. When the fire was finally extinguished they found Tichl's

# SISTER MUST TELL HUSBAND'S MURDER BY HER BROTHERS

Mrs. Bywaters, Who Saw  
Killing for Her Sake,  
Ready for Stand.

CULPEPER, Va., Feb. 23.—A JURY is being drawn to day from the fifty gentlemen who have been summoned here from Shenandoah County to serve at the trial of Philip and James Strother, brothers, charged with the murder of their brother-in-law, William F. Bywaters, on the night of Dec. 16 last, shortly after the latter had been married to Miss Viola Strother, the sister of the two defendants.

Accompanied by a Deputy Sheriff of Culpeper and Sheriff Spiker, of Shenandoah County, the special venue men arrived here early to-day, and it is expected that the entire day will be consumed in selecting a jury.

The most important witness, Mrs. Bywaters, the widow of the victim, will reach here either late to-day or to-morrow, but it is not expected that she will be placed on the stand before to-morrow.

Deep interest is manifested here in the trial, as both families are among the most prominent in this section of the State.

The unwritten law will figure largely in the defense of the Strothers, they claiming that they killed Bywaters for trying to desert their sister after she had forced to marry her.

The sister of the Strothers was ill in bed when she was married and saw her brother Bywaters as he was escaping through a window.

**INDIAN CHILD GETS \$43,000 BONUS ON OIL LEASE.**

MUSKOGEE, Ind., Feb. 25.—Lena Glenn, a three-year-old Indian girl, through her parents received here Saturday the biggest bonus ever paid for an oil lease in the mid-continent field. The child sold at court auction a fifteen-year lease on twenty acres to George W. Barnes & Co. for \$43,000, or \$3,000 per acre, plus 10 per cent of all oil produced on the land, and after fifteen years the property will revert to her.

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## AVALANCHE BURIES EIGHTEEN IN NORWAY.

CHRISTIANIA, Feb. 25.—Disasters caused by avalanches continue to be reported from different parts of Norway. A telegram from Oslo says records destruction of the Nordfjord tunnels, with the loss of eight lives. The Hardangerfjord was also overwhelmed and ten persons, including women and children, were buried.

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